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IS THE
HUNTER!**



While attending a demonstration in radiology, student PETER PARKER was bitten by a spider which had accidentally been exposed to RADIOACTIVE RAYS. Through a miracle of science, Peter soon found that he had GAINED the insect's powers...and had, in effect, become a human spider...

Stan Lee PRESENTS: **THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN!**

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KRAVEN IS THE HUNTER!

IT'S ABOUT TIME THIS TURKEY TUGBOAT REACHED MANHATTAN. I'M SO WASTED AFTER MY FIGHT WITH KINGPIN.

--I'M NOT SURE HOW MUCH LONGER I CAN HOLD ON.

BROTHHHHHER. ONE MORE AUTUMN EYE LIKE THIS--

--AND THIS IS ONE NEIGHBORHOOD SPIDER-MAN WHO'LL HANG UP HIS WEB-SHOOTERS FOR GOOD!

AND THAT'S THE TRUTH.

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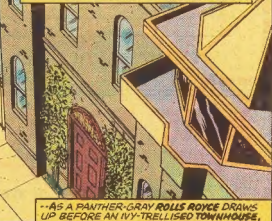




--THOUGH YOU DON'T KNOW IT, YOU'VE GOT PROBLEMS IN STORE; BUT THEY'RE DIFFICULTIES TO BE RESOLVED IN NEXT MONTH'S AMAZING SPIDER-MAN, NOT HERE.



WE HAVE OUR OWN SET OF PLOT-THREADS TO UNRAVEL, AND ONE SET BRINGS US TO MANHATTAN'S DAWN-LIT GRAMMACY PARK.



--AS A PANTHER-GRAY ROLLS ROYCE DRAWS UP BEFORE AN IVY-TRELLED TOWNHOUSE.

THIS PARTICULAR SECTION OF NEW YORK HAS SEEN ITS SHARE OF ECCENTRIC MILLIONAIRES--BUT EVEN THE MOST WILD-EYED WALLET-FONDLER WOULD GAPE ASTONISHED AT THIS SIGHT, WERE ANY RESIDENTS AWARE TO WATCH IT, AS WE CAN:



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*AS IN AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #156.--G.

--THAT'S **ONE** PROBLEM I DIDN'T CAUSE HER BY BEING **SPIDER-MAN**.

OCTOPUS FOUND HER ALL BY **HIMSELF**, WHEN HE ONCE ANSWERED A **ROOM FOR RENT** AD.*



*THE IMMORTAL SPIDER-MAN #54.--G.

ACTUALLY, **BECAUSE** I'M **SPIDER-MAN**, I'VE SAVED HER **LIFE** ONCE OR TWICE.

GUESS IT'S NOT SUCH A **BAD** CAREER AFTER ALL.



PETER! MY GOODNESS, YOU LOOK AS THOUGH YOU HAVEN'T EATEN IN **DAYS!**

COME IN, DEAR BOY-- I'LL FIX YOU SOME **MILK** AND **COOKIES!**



WHAT A LADY. AFTER MY PARENTS DIED, SHE AND **UNCLE BEN** PRACTICALLY **RAISED** ME--

--AND THEN, WHEN **UNCLE BEN** WAS **KILLED**, SHE **STOOD** BY ME **ALONE**.



Y'KNOW, KID-- NOBODY IN THE **WORLD** MAKES **CHOCOLATE CHIP** COOKIES THE WAY YOU DO--

--AND THAT'S A **FACT!**

WHY, **PETER**-- WHAT A **SWEET** THING TO SAY--

--YOU **SILLY** BOY!



MAY PARKER! YOU NEVER TOLD ME YOU HAVE A **GENTLEMAN** FRIEND--

--AND SO **HANDSOME!**

ANNA WATSON, STOP YOUR **TEASING!**

YOU **KNOW** HOW EASILY **PETER** GETS **EMBARRASSED!**



NO, NO-- DON'T **STOP**, ESPECIALLY THAT PART ABOUT "**HANDSOME**"!

THE WAY YOUR **NIECE** IS TREATING ME THESE DAYS--

--I NEED ALL THE **EGO-BOOST** I CAN GET!



MARY JANE?

PETER--HAS SOMETHING **HAPPENED** BETWEEN YOU TWO?

ASK **HER**, MRS. WATSON. SHE'S THE ONE WHO-- NEVER MIND. I SHOULDN'T **COMPLAIN**.



AFTER ALL, IT'S PART MY **FAULT**, TOO.

WOULDN'T YOU STAY FOR **LUNCH**, **PETER**?

I'LL MAKE YOUR FAVORITE **SANDWICH**--?

NO, I BETTER GET BACK TO **MANHATTAN**.

THANKS ANYWAY, **AUNT MAY**.



RYE...



ENOUGH ABOUT PETER PARKER; LET'S SEE WHAT KRAVEN IS UP TO--



--AS HE AND TARANTULA CREEP STEALTHILY ACROSS THE ROOF OF CHANCELLOR GORMAN'S ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, THEIR VOICES LOW AS THEY PREPARE TO STRIKE!

I ALWAYS THOUGHT YOU WERE WHAT THE AMERICANS CALL A "LONER"

STOP BAITING ME, TARANTULA.

--AN HOMBRE, A MAN OF PRIDE, INSTEAD, YOU SELL YOURSELF LIKE SOME COMMON CAMPESIÑO!

IF I HAD THE TIME, I'D DISMEMBER YOU--

*PEASANT--GUESS WHO.



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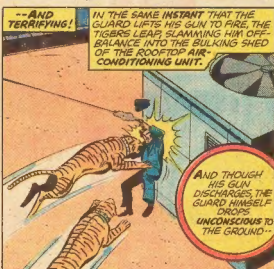
"--BUT FORTUNATELY FOR YOUR SOUTH AMERICAN HIDE, SOMEONE HAS DISCOVERED US: A GUARD!"



SO FAST HIS SUN-BRONZED FIST IS A BLUR, KRAVEN WHIRLS AND GESTURES, SPEAKING NOT A WORD IN COMMAND--

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--IN THE OFFICE OF RICHARD GORMAN, ONE STORY BELOW:

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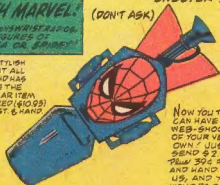
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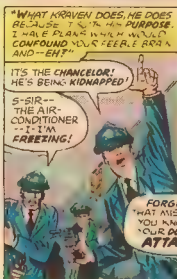
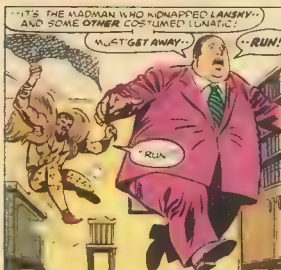


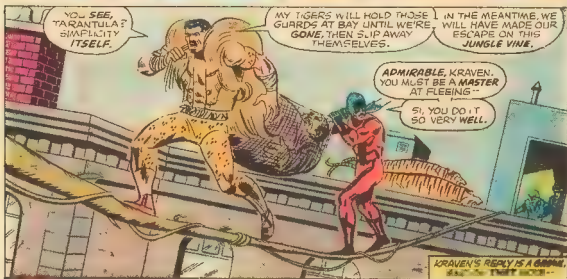
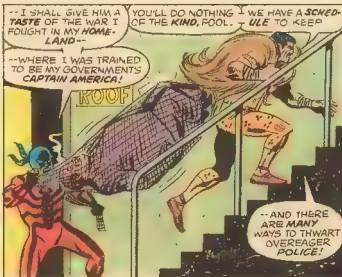
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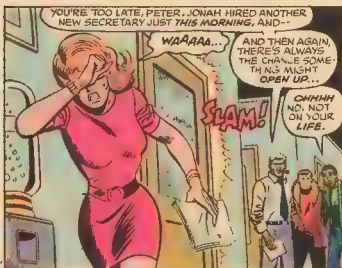
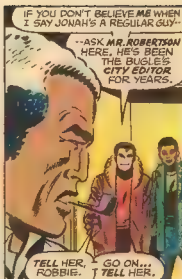
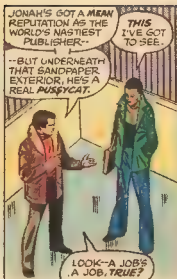
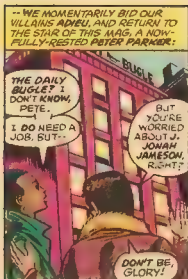
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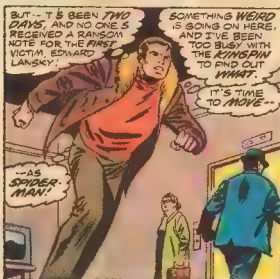
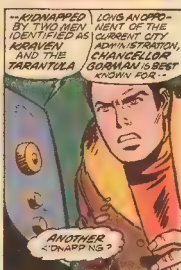
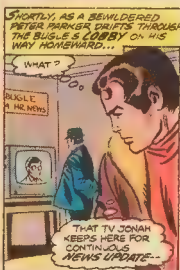
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PETER PARKER'S PAD

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There's only one thing wrong with starting a brand new book like PETER PARKER, THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER MAN, and that's that it takes so long to get any initial response to our fabulous first issue. Indeed, here it is time for the second issue to go to press, and the first has yet to hit the stands. What's an armadillo to do?

Well, for one thing, he can step back and take a look at where we are and where we've come from.

From that early day back in 1962, when Spidey first saw the light of day in the pages of AMAZING FANTASY #15, right on to these humble pages, the agile arachnid has seemed destined for greatness. We daresay that no super hero created since mid-century has generated the amount of excitement that Spider-Man has. His popularity has seen him through over 180 issues of AMAZING SPIDER MAN, 50 some issues of MARVEL TEAM-UP, numerous special editions, two record albums, and an animated television series. His early adventures are reprinted monthly in MARVEL TALES. When Marvel launched the first of our jumbo-size Treasury Editions, it was Spider-Man who was picked for the starring role. And, of course, it was Spidey's amazing popularity that led to the creation of this title.

Some fifteen fine pencils and inkers, and five wondrous wordsmiths, have spun the wall-crawler's webs throughout his first reign it really be that long? fourteen years. And the end of his reign as the world's greatest super-hero seems to be nowhere in sight.

But what makes a Spider-Man? Well, certainly the bite of a radioactive spider helps. But what is it that turns a modern day hero into a popular culture phenomenon? For the answer, we quote from Stan the Man's own foreword to that afore mentioned first issue of MARVEL TREASURY EDITION.

"Spider-Man is more than a comic strip hero. He's a state of mind. He symbolizes the secret dreams, fears, and frustrations that haunt us all...even as you or I, Peter Parker is fallible. Indeed, even the amazing Spider-Man has feet of clay. The wondrous web spinner represents one of the oldest human ironies—the fact that the attainment of power and success do not necessarily bring happiness.

"But let's face it. Spidey is more than a philosophical conception, more than a haunting social commentary on the human condition. First and foremost, everyone's favorite wall crawler stands for excitement, fantasy and mile-a-minute adventure."

Well said, Mr. Lee! Well said, indeed.



By the by, if you've read this far, you must have read the heading at the top of this rambling page—Peter Parker's Pad. Ya see, we figured that if we were gonna keep our lovely lady of the letters, Miss Mary Ellen, from going silly, then we damned well better differentiate between the letters page title

of this book and that of the AMAZING SPIDER MAN. As a matter of fact, we meant to do it last issue, but deadlines got the better of us. (Gee, that means that some of you will probably be sending your LOC's on the first issue of PETER PARKER to *The Spider's Web* and .uh-oh! Mary Ellen, stop! Put down that blunt object!)

But what's that? Do these aging armadillo ears hear some cries of derision at the sound of *Peter Parker's Pad*? We suppose you'd prefer *Pass it to Peter*? No? Howabout *Pen it to Parker*?

You don't like any of those? We suppose you could do better, huh?

We . . . here's your chance to prove it! Yes folks, it's no prize time again! We'd like your suggestions for a new title for this, our littin' letters page and we'd like them as soon as possible. Preferably tomorrow. Or even yesterday. To the lucky soul whose suggestion we use, we shall graciously award a gleaming, self polishing, no deposit, no return *no-prize*! Plus, you get to see your name in print. Now, where are ya gonna get a deal like that nowadays?

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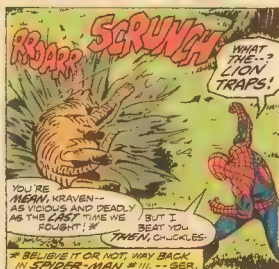
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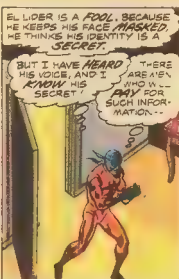
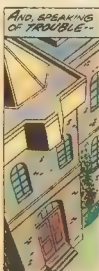
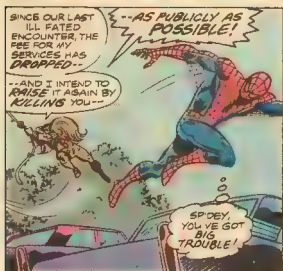
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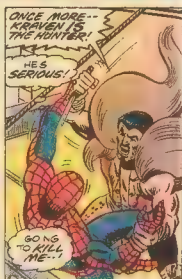
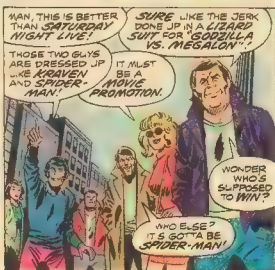
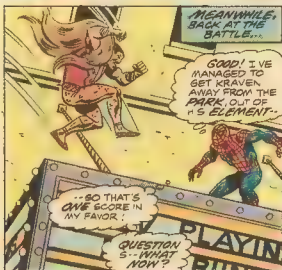
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Hey, remember me telling you about John Buscema's great comicbook workshop here in New York, where the master

himself teaches comicbook drawing to the luckiest class in town? Well, we thought you'd enjoy this progress report. One of John's recent graduates is none other than Bob Hall, who has just penciled two issues of Marvel's **CHAMPIONS**, and is all set to tackle our latest **SUPER VILLAIN TEAM UP**! Another of Big John's students, Juan Ortiz, is currently doing a special project for Marvel after having been voted "Best Student in Class"!! We don't know where Sal Buscema's big brother gets the time to do it, but if you too would like to study with one of the most titanic talents in all of comicdom, send your name and address to John Buscema, P.O. Box 1827, F.D.R. Station, NYC, NY 10022, and he'll send you a letter telling how to join his Manhattan comic book workshop—which now features a course in script-writing, also! In fact, if you don't watch out, you'll be stuck with yours truly as a guest lecturer! Okay, Johnny, I give you the plug—now will you let Conan to gimme back my hub caps? Gotta go now, gang. Time to campaign for Howard the Duck before some more politician steals the election away from him! So hang loose, heroes—if Howard gets elected, any one of you might be our next V.P.!

Excelsior!

Stan

ITEM! Though these words of wit and wisdom are being written in mid-July, you readers will be perusing them in October, fall harvest time. In keeping with the season (and our own cornball manner of leading into a subject), the boisterous Bullpen's got a veritable harvest of brand new comics coming your way. First off: there's **LOGAN'S RUN**. Yep, it's an awesome adaptation of the MGM science fiction thriller that's been packing them in at the local movie theaters for, to these last few months. On tap to translate this cinematic sizzler into a 30¢ monthly comic book are Gallop'n **GERRY CONWAY**, writer/editor, **GEORGE "Peace setter" PEREZ**, penciler, and **KLAUS JANSON** on the inks. This first four issues will cover the movie, but what, you may ask happens after that? Well, Ger' and George aren't tellin', but to judge from the big satisfied grins they get whenever asked, it's going to be something we'll worth the waiting to find out. And speaking of waiting, seven months ago, we laid a hint on you about "King working with King." If you haven't doped it out yet, worry no more, we're about to tell all! The first King is, of course, **JACK "King" KIRBY**. The second? None other than the King of the Wakandas... T'Challa, **THE BLACK PANTHER**! Despite the recent demise of **JUNGLE ACTION**, we have a lot of faith in

the Panther as a character, so we turned him back to the man who helped originate him (along with another fella by the name of Lee) What Jack came up with was so different, exciting, and nimitably his own, we just had to start it as its own title. Hence, this month **BLACK PANTHER #1**. Watch for it! And you can also look for a total new character to be making an appearance at your local newsstand. Her name is **MS. MARVEL** and she's very much a super-heroine for the seventies. In fact, as conceived by **GERRY CONWAY**, **Big JOHN BUSCEMA**, and **Jotting JOE SINNOTT**, we have a hunch this lady is equally well set for the eighties and nineties, too. Just to really whet your appetite, we're running a picture of the cover elsewhere on the page. What happens inside the book we're going to let you discover for yourself. But we're betting that **MS. MARVEL** will be the **BIG ONE** of the year!

ITEM! There are more goodies on tap this month which you won't want to let slip past you. Like, for instance, the **TEAM-UP ANNUAL**, starring **SPIDER-MAN** and the **X-MEN**, and the **DR. STRANGE ANNUAL**. Both are double size, all-originals stories at less than the price you'd pay for two regular length books. You not only get an entertainment extravaganza, you get a bargain as well!

ITEM! Congratulations to **HERB TRIMPE** and **LINDA FITE** on the birth of their daughter, **AMELIA FITE TRIMPE**. She weighed in at 6 lbs. 11 oz. That's somewhat short of the thousand pound weight of a certain green skinned Goliath! Happy **HERB** has often been close y associated with (and whom he's be drawing again in an upcoming issue of our new **WHAT IF ?** mag), but take our word for it, **AMELIA**'s a lot prettier!

ITEM! Special treat for science fiction buffs this month (and is there any true Marvelite who isn't one?)... a giant size, special revival of our critically acclaimed black and white mag, **UNKNOWN WORLDS OF SCIENCE FICTION**! This 96-page blockbuster is chock full of never-before-seen material such as an adaptation of Stanley Weinbaum's classic, **A MARTIAN ODYSSEY**, an exclusive interview with **THE ODRE ("More Than Human") STURGEON**, a brand new **MAN-GODS FROM OUTER SPACE**, and enough other galactic goodies to make even the average Vulcan shout for joy!



ITEM! Many Bullpeners are on the move this month. **GERRY** and **CARLA CONWAY** have packed their three dogs and ten jillion books and fled the wilds of Manhattan super west side for the calm and contentment of Connecticut. Rascally **ROY THOMAS** has finally made his previously announced relocation to California's sunny clime, while Asst. Editor **ROGER SLIFER** and **FOOM Foreman DAVE "the Dude" KRAFT** are somewhere in the middle of this great land of ours, hitchhiking to Oregon for a visit. One thing troubles us. Who's putting out the books while all this is going on?

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NOW, NOW, DEAR GREEN THING! I'M ONLY TOO HAPPY TO TAKE YOU IN WITH ALL MY OTHER...ER...ALL MY VEGETABLES AND PLANTS.

COUSIN BETSY

THE PLANT LADY

HULK NO REMEMBER HOW HE GOT HERE, BUT HULK HAPPY, FINALLY FIND PLACE WHERE HULK CAN FIND PEACE...AND NICE COOL SHADE PLANT TO SIT UNDER.

AH, MY BEAUTIFUL PLANTS... MY OWN LITTLE GANG. WHAT FINE SPECIMENS YOU ARE. RHODA, MARI, ARTIE--I WANT YOU TO MEET THE HULK. THAT JADE GIANT IS GOING TO JOIN US...IN OUR NEXT ROBBERY OF DIAMONDS AND OTHER PRECIOUS THINGS...WHAT A SPECIMEN--AND SO GREEN...

RHODA DENDRAGON

ARTIE CHORE

MARI GOLD

HULK NO JOIN STRANGE PLANTS. HULK NO LIKE PEOPLE--OR PLANTS. HULK WANT TO BE ALONE.

I WARN YOU GREEN GARGANTUA--JOIN US--OR ELSE!--THE ARTICHOKE--CHOKES--GO GET HIM ARTI--!!!

SEE, GREEN GOLIATH--WHEN I TALK TO MY PLANTS, THEY LISTEN!

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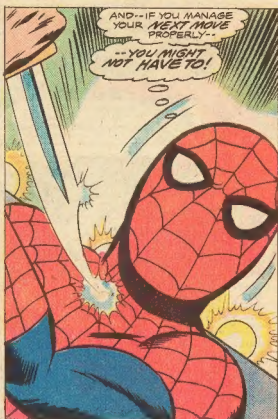
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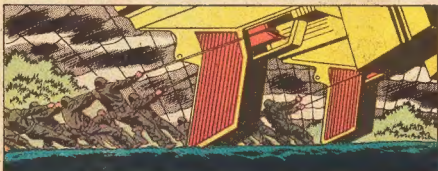
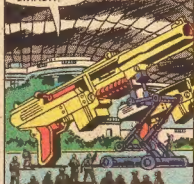
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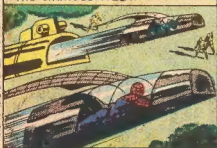
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